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SOURCE Former Japanese Intelligence Officer (D), from two Japanese ex-Army Officers (F)

1. The Zenkoku Kyuseitai Gunjin Kai (All Japan Veterans Association)¹ held its inaugural meeting at Nihonbashi Public Hall in Tokyo on 1 November 1945, with HOGUCHI Sakari² presiding as temporary chairman. KITO Tokuji (051-1072/0771) was elected president of the association and KUYOYAMA Hitoshi (051-1072/0771) and KIKI Ken (7230-263-1277) were elected vice-chairmen.³ The avowed purpose of the organization is to bring the veterans of World War II together in one association. Speakers at the meeting included OKUMURA Toshiji (Captain), SHIBUYA Yasuhiko (Major), Ochiai Ichiro, and a Major CHILLEY (SMU) of the British Army.

2. No rational units of the Zenkoku Kyuseitai Gunjin Kai are known to exist.⁴

1. Source Comment. Sub-sources state that a Tokyo Shinbun article of 7 December 1945 reporting that the Zenkoku Kyuseitai Gunjin Kai and the Gensi Kai are opposed to each other is false.

Field Comment. According to the Tokyo Shinbun article of 7 December 1945, the Zenkoku Kyuseitai Gunjin Kai is for prohibition of atomic and hydrogen weapons and is against rearmament, while the Gensi Kai advocates rearmament. For a description of the Gensi Kai, see PJI-650.

2. Source Comment. HOGUCHI is a former Japanese Army reserve officer and served as an official of a veterans association before World War II. He and his father are engaged in construction contracting work. Early in December 1945, HOGUCHI called on the Gensi Kai and asked OKUMURA Toshiji to become president of the association, but the latter declined.

3. Field Comment. KITO is a former Lt. General and an authority on China.

4. Source Comment. KUYOYAMA is a former Vice Admiral (technical) while INOU General (Artillery).

5. Source Comment. KISHIMOTO represented the Left Wing Socialist Party.

6. Source Comment. MAKASEKI was representative for the Japan Democratic Party.

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- 7 Source Comment. KICHIKAWA is a supporter of the veterans' movement from the field of religion.
- 8 Source Comment. Major MURAKAMI is a supporter of veterans of foreign lands. MURAKAMI was born in Shiba in Tokyo. His mother is Japanese. His speech contained the following statements: "Japanese must once again cultivate the Spirit of Bushido (Way of the Warrior)," and "the spirit of the Japanese people during the Edo Period was commendable."
- 9 Source Comment. The policy of the association is apparently to form a central organization, to strengthen it, then organize regional units.

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